

**Town of Webster
Office of Select Board
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303**

Select Board Meeting – January 19, 2015 – Work Session

Select Board present: Chairman Roy Fanjoy, Selectman Bruce Johnson and Selectman Roger Becker, Police Chief Robert Dupuis, Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham and Administrative Assistant Judith Jones.

4:01 pm The Board met with applicant Shawn Healy, who has applied for the Town Hall shoveling position. He requested \$30 per storm. The area to be cleared was reviewed with Mr. Healy and confirmed that the \$30 per storm was agreeable. The Board approved Mr. Healy's application and Mr. Healy accepted the position effective immediately.

The Board reviewed the list of Highway projects and the five-year road plan presented by Selectman Johnson at the last meeting. Selectman Becker recommended that the Board put a plan together to present to Road Agent Emmett Bean at tonight's meeting at 6:30 pm. After much discussion the Board approved a plan to present to Mr. Bean, which was typed and signed by the Board.

The Board then continued their review of the proposed 2015 budget.

Fire Chief Rob Wolinski presented or advised the Board of the following:

- 176 total calls for service in 2014.
- 7 calls to date this year.
- IPS inspected the Air Packs with the cost going over budget because some straps were broken on the face pieces and replaced.
- During Christmas, Engine II would not keep a charge. This was not covered by warranty. It was sent to Valley Fire for repairs.
- "Online Burn Permits" are now available on line, which costs \$3. This fee goes to the State.
- Fire Department Training has changed from Thursdays to Wednesdays.
- Chairman Fanjoy advised Chief Wolinski that the Board increased the maintenance/repairs of FD equipment budget line based on a quote from Valley for routine maintenance of the vehicles not previously done by Valley.

Police Chief Robert Dupuis presented or advised the Board of the following:

- The cost to replace emergency lights, as noted by the Joint Loss Management Committee, at the PSB will be approximately \$600. Chief Dupuis offered to order those needed at the Town Hall at the same time, though no estimate for those were available at this time. Discussed from where to take the funds. Chief Wolinski noted that the JLMC advised that there is the need for a fire safe locked storage unit for hazardous chemicals. He will look into options.
- 45 calls for service in the last two weeks with highlights read.
- Discussed the cost savings anticipated, which would help support the need for the proposed new cruiser at Town Meeting.
- Chief Dupuis discussed possible changes in his employment status next year.
- The Board signed Chief Dupuis' current contract for one year, effective February 8, 2015.
- Selectman Johnson advised Chief Dupuis that the Road Agent had reported folks taking sand clearly marked for use by residents only. The Chief will check when in the area.
- He met with Homeland Security and the SAU last Wednesday. They recommended a portable radio with the Police frequency in the school for emergencies with the possibility of grant funds being available from Homeland Security. FCC has approved this. Chairman Fanjoy expressed concerns. Discussion ensued. Chief Wolinski suggested alternatives. No decisions were made.
- COPS SYNC is a program in the schools where there is a computer in each class room, which allows the teacher to directly communicate with the nearest five cruisers. This could be paid by Homeland Security through grants. There would be an annual charge of \$120 per cruiser and something annually to the school. He will meet with the principal and the SAU regarding this.
- Vacation leave slip for Chief Dupuis from February 21 to March 7.

6:02 pm Selectman Johnson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.

Roy E. Fanjoy, Chairman
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Bruce G. Johnson

Roger A. Becker

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